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WESTERN MARYLAND REGIONAL FRUIT MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2020
Western Maryland Research & Education Center
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In cooperation with
Maryland State Horticultural Society
Maryland Apple Promotion Board
MORNING SESSION

8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00  Introduction & Overview of Program
Dr. Joseph Fiola, Specialist in Viticulture and Small Fruit, University of Maryland Extension (UME), WMREC, Keedysville, MD.

9:10  Nutrient Management Update & Recertification
Keith Potter, Nutrient Management Specialist, MD Department of Agriculture, Cumberland, MD.

9:40  Pesticide Regulatory Update & Recertification
Russ Noratel, Entomologist, Licensing, Certification & Training, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section, Annapolis, MD.

10:10  Break & Visit Displays

10:30  The Monitoring Equipment for Strawberry Disease Management
Dr. John Lea-Cox, Professor, Department of Plant Science University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

11:00  Anthracnose and Botrytis disease Forecasting Models Utilized in the Strawberry Advisory System
Dr. Mengjun Hu, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist in Grapes and Small Fruit, Department of Plant Science University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

11:35  Efficient Herbicide Use for Fruit Production
Ronald David Myers, University of Maryland Extension Educator—Anne Arundel County, Gambrills, MD.

12:05  Lunch and Visit Displays

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00  MSHS & Maryland Apple Promotion Board Update
John Fendrick, President, Maryland State Horticultural Society, Rock Hill Orchard, Mount Airy, MD.; Bill Gardenhour, Apple Promotion Board Update, Gardenhour Orchards, Inc., Smithsburg, MD.

1:15  USDA-Beltsville strawberry cultivar testing and low-tunnel plastic comparison
Dr. Kim Lewers, USDA-ARS, Research Geneticist (Plants), Genetic Improvement of Fruits and Vegetables Lab, BARC-West, Beltsville, MD.

1:45  Spotted Lantern Fly – Behavior and Ecology: implications for monitoring and management
Laura Nixon, Visiting Scientist (Post Doc) and Tracy Leskey, Research Scientist, Entomology, USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station

2:15  Break & Visit Displays

2:30  Small Fruit Insect Management Updates
Margaret Lewis, Ph.D. Student, Hamby Lab, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.; Dr. Kelly Hamby, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Entomology, Department of Entomology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.; Arielle Arsenault-Benoit, Fritz Lab, Research Technician, University of Maryland

3:00  Integrating the brown marmorated stink bug classical biological control agent, Trissolcus japonicus, into IPM program in apple orchards
Dalton Ludwick, Research Associate (Post Doc) and Tracy Leskey, Research Scientist, Entomology, USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station

3:30  New Apple Varieties and Quality
Dr. Chris Walsh, University of Maryland, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, College Park, MD.

4:00+  Discussion Questions, Comments, Pesticide and Nutrient Management Recertification, Program Evaluation, and Adjourn

Registration cost is $30 per person ($40 after 2/6/20), which includes program materials, morning refreshments and lunch. Attendance at this meeting qualifies as recertification for individuals possessing a current and valid Private Maryland Pesticide Applicator’s license and to receive Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for Nutrient Management.